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Title: **UTILITY METERING SYSTEM INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION  
AUTHORISATION SYSTEM**

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**TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 CFR §1.114)**

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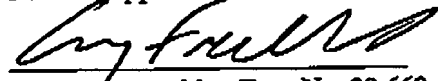
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If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged.

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